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HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE TO CONDUCT FIELD HEARING AT CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT, TEXAS

The Subcommittee on Military Readiness of the Committee on Armed Services of the U.S. House of Representatives today announced details of a field hearing on the current and future viability of depot-level maintenance and repair. The hearing will take place on Friday, March 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the Pre-Shop Analysis Building at Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), Texas.

Media Information:

- All members of the press interested in covering the hearing must contact the CCAD Public Affairs Office at 361-961-3627 (email: ryoder@ccad.army.mil; fax: 361-961-2749).
- The Pre-Shop Analysis Building is located at the corner of Crecy Street and Ocean Drive. All media must enter through the North Gate on Ocean Drive to be escorted to the hearing location.
- The subcommittee will briefly recess after hearing testimony from the second panel to tour CCAD facilities. Media may cover the tour, and should contact the CCAD Public Affairs Office for details.
- Subcommittee members will be available to the press immediately following the hearing at a location to be determined.

Public Information:

- The hearing is open to the public.

Witness List:

Panel 1:

Mr. David Warren, Director
Defense Management Issues
National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office

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Panel 2:

General John G. Coburn
Commander, Army Materiel Command

General Lester Lyles
Commander, Air Force Materiel Command

Vice Admiral Joseph W. Dyer
Commander, Naval Air Systems Command

Major General Paul M. Lee
Commanding General, Marine Corps Materiel Command

Panel 3:

Colonel Mitch Dockens, USA
Commander, Corpus Christi Army Depot

Major General Scott Bergren, USAF
Commander, Ogden Air Logistics Center

Colonel Gilda Jackson, USMC
Commander, Cherry Point Naval Aviation Depot

Colonel Aaron Hayes, USA
Commander, Anniston Army Depot

Major General Dennis Haines, USAF
Commander, Warner-Robins Air Logistics Center

Colonel Robert W. Cerney, USMC
Director, Multi-commodity Maintenance Center, Marine Corps Base, Albany

Colonel Fred Hart, USA
Commander, Red River Army Depot

Captain Chris Roum, USN
Commander, Jacksonville Naval Aviation Depot

Major General Charles L. Johnson, II, USAF
Commander, Tinker Air Logistics Center

Colonel Kurt Weidenthal, USA
Commander, Tobyhanna Army Depot

Captain Emory Chenoweth, USN
Commander, North Island Naval Aviation Depot

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Colonel Ervin Rivers, USMC
Director, Multi-Commodity Maintenance Center, Marine Corps Base, Barstow

Colonel Robert English, USA
Commander, Letterkenny Army Depot

Background Information:

The jurisdiction of the House Armed Services Committee includes the operations of the Department of Defense (DOD) as well as the national security operations of the Department of Energy's (DOE) budget. DOD's annual budget of nearly \$300 billion (in fiscal year 2001) affects millions of military and civilian personnel, thousands of facilities, and hundreds of agencies, departments, and commands located throughout the world. The oversight responsibilities of the House Armed Services Committee are conducted primarily within the context of the committee's consideration of the annual defense authorization bill.

In past years, subcommittees of the House Armed Services Committee have held similar "field" hearings on subjects ranging from military readiness, to military health care, to domestic counter-terrorism preparedness. In many cases, testimony provided at these hearings directly influenced provisions contained in the annual National Defense Authorization Act.

The committee divides its responsibilities between five standing subcommittees (Military Procurement, Military Research & Development, Military Readiness, Military Installations and Facilities, and Military Personnel) and four special oversight panels (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation; Merchant Marine; Terrorism; and DOE Reorganization).

The Military Readiness Subcommittee is chaired by U.S. Representative Curt Weldon (R-PA) and is comprised of 21 members of Congress. The subcommittee is responsible for annual authorization of funding for operation and maintenance, the readiness and preparedness requirements of the defense establishment, and related legislative oversight.

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